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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

25X1A SUBJECT: Project OXCART/ []
(R-12 Mock-Up Meeting at LAC, 11-13 December 1963)

25X1A 1. On 9 December 1963 [] of this Staff invited to my attention the list of individuals scheduled to attend the Subject R-12 "Suppliers" meeting at Lockheed. The list of scheduled representatives of government and industry is attached. The list as at 9 December 1963 totaled seventy-nine individuals.

2. I called Col. Leo Geary and informed him restating our concern of the number of individuals scheduled to attend what it appeared to be developing into a "monster" rally. I also mentioned to Col. Geary that Kelly Johnson had expressed similar concern during his visit to this Headquarters last week. Col. Geary agreed that the number of individuals scheduled to attend had gotten out of hand. I suggested that the Colonel might desire to invite this matter to the attention of Brockway McMillan.

3. At the conclusion of my telephonic conversation with Col. Geary I informed him that I deemed it essential that I invite this matter to the attention of my Front Office. A copy of the attached listing of scheduled attendees was made available to the Deputy Assistant Director, OSA, as he was en route to a meeting with the DDCI. Mr. Cunningham subsequently informed me that General Carter was similarly concerned; and while Mr. Cunningham was present in the DDCI's office, Col. Geary called and mentioned that the matter had been discussed with Brockway McMillan and if the meeting was not imminent they were inclined to cancel the meeting.

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4. Apparently, subsequent to our conversation with Colonel Geary, he initiated a cable [] 340 (IN 53561) directed to Lockheed, Info [] to the attention of Mr. Johnson and [] In this cable he restated the need

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to conduct security rebriefings of the military and civilian attendees cleared at the O-3 level and a separate briefing of contractor types cleared at the K-3 level before the general meeting. Col. Geary also pointed out in the cable that he considers the total number of people involved entirely unreasonable and added that "had not the major portion of personnel involved already commenced travel this conference would have been cancelled until next week."

5. The size of this meeting is, indeed, a matter of concern and possibly tends to indicate the trend of future meetings concerning the R-12. It appears that it is decidedly difficult for the Air Force to rigidly hold down the number of individuals who must participate in such meetings. We should continue to strenuously emphasize to Col. Geary and [] the desirability to restrict attendance of such future meetings to those individuals who must participate, if we are to continue to disguise this OXCART [] program to the same degree as we have in the past.

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